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"Do not suppose, because it has been spoken concerning restoration, that ye shall be restored from sin to happiness. Behold, I say unto you, wickedness never was happiness." BOOK OF MORMON, ALMA 41 : 10.

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THE WORD OF WISDOM—A RIGHTEOUS LAW*

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I HAVE BEEN very much interested in the remarks of this conference thus far, especially those referring to the Word of Wisdom and the training of missionaries. Last week more than sixty young men and women left the Missionary Home for the mission field. During one examination period, the Word of Wisdom was discussed, and from the statements made it was apparent that such teachings have had a guiding influence in their lives. One young lady, a mere slip of a girl, made this statement: "The Lord cannot work with those who are unclean mentally or physically." Living according to the teachings of the Word of Wisdom gives us a fitting background to prepare us to receive His blessings. I am afraid there are a great many of us who have not learned this one lesson; it is not a new doctrine, but is embodied in the teachings of the Saviour and the Apostles of old. We read in 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17, 18:

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

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If we could be so impressed with these thoughts that they would always be manifest in our desires and actions, our faith would be increased and our labours extended to the benefit not only of ourselves, but of our associates and fellow Church workers. Has it occurred to us that perhaps many blessings needful for our welfare are withheld from us? The Lord has commanded that we support the laws of the land because the constitutional laws of the land make us free. In the days of Kirtland, the Lord said He was not well pleased with many who were in the Church.

Were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now.

But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil. . . . And not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom.

"ADAPTED TO THE CAPACITY" OF ALL

Are we as individuals seeking to be united as a Church? Are we exemplary in our teachings by word of mouth and in our actions? We need only to look about us to see on every hand a tendency to break the Word of Wisdom. Perhaps as individuals we feel that because we are trying to live according to this law we are meeting the requirements of the law, but to those who have received the Priesthood comes also a responsibility of not only complying with the law as individuals, but of labouring unceasingly with those who are careless or indifferent; for Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom. Let us remember that we are "temples of the living God," and that God cannot work with us when we are unclean mentally or physically.

The Word of Wisdom makes this clear to us and offers a most wonderful promise, "adapted to the capacity of the weak and the weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints;" and we are assured that through obedience we shall be made strong mentally, physically and spiritually. Let us study it and so apply its principles in our daily lives that the influence thereof will be felt throughout the land. Sometimes we become impatient because the results we hoped for are not apparent immediately; sometimes in our zeal we make mistakes of judgment—it may be in business matters, our farming operations, or in the conduct of our community affairs—if we are living according to the laws of God we shall have the spirit of discernment, and under the guiding influence of that spirit will find that such experiences are as bread cast upon the water, for after many days we shall find it to be a blessing: "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." When we learn

as a Church to apply these teachings, we will overcome such difficulties, and happiness will be our lot; for we shall do away with fault-finding, contention and indifference, and in the spirit and power of the holy Priesthood we shall lend a helping hand to those who find it difficult to meet the requirements of the laws of God, especially the young men and women who are now living in an age of freedom, more so than in any other period of the world's history. The Lord never intended that they should not have pleasure, for "men are, that they might have joy"; that their enjoyment might be wholesome, it is necessary that they be properly guarded, for "truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun."

YOU SHALL REAP AS YOU SOW

We sow the seed in the spring-time, but know not what will be the harvest in the fall; the result is generally measured by the faith, the diligence, and the labour we put forth. This has always been the law and will be until the purposes of the Lord are fulfilled. A writer of the Old Testament expresses the thought beautifully as follows, in the 11th chapter of Ecclesiastes:

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

. . . .

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

That we may more nearly meet these conditions, a readjustment has been made in our Priesthood and recreational activities. The Sabbath morning—the beginning of the Sabbath day—has been designated as the study and recitation period for religious exercises. During the Sabbath School period we should be free from cares, our labours should be put away and our hearts turned to the things of God. Provision is made that from the oldest to the youngest, all may come under this influence; the whole family may go in a body and find spiritual activity suitable to their age and condition in life, with the influence of the Priesthood of God the controlling power.

Tuesday night has been set aside as a time for planning and

reporting on Priesthood, Church and community activities. It is desirable, therefore, that each person holding the Priesthood, whether a Deacon or a High Priest, have some specific work assigned to him each week. "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence."

I thank the Lord for a testimony of His Gospel, that I am permitted to labour in His great cause through the authority of His holy Priesthood, which has been conferred upon me through His authorized servants. I rejoice in this work and in the opportunity I have of working with you in the furtherance of His Gospel. May we ever seek to keep His commandments and strive earnestly to do our part, that we may magnify our calling, is my prayer, which I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR CHILDREN

Elder Weston N. Nordgren

When the disciples of Jesus rebuked those who brought their children near unto Him, He was displeased, and said:

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

In His love for the pure and innocent, He "took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

When Christ appeared to the Nephites on the American continent after His resurrection, He likewise "took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them."

Children are pure in the sight of God, humble before Him, trustful in His all-protecting care. Truly they are an important part of the kingdom of God. Their faith is firm, unwavering. And Jesus Himself has told us to be like them in purity and innocence. They are ever learning, ever growing in knowledge and wisdom; likewise we are able to learn new lessons of life from them. We should love the little ones, teach, guide and uphold them, that they may walk always in the paths of righteousness. We should bless them with our love, with our lips and hearts, with our daily attempts to lead them aright.

Jesus set the example for us. He called little children to Him. He took them in His arms, talked to them, loved them and blessed them. Then in return He gained their confidence and trust, for they had faith in Him.

Our children of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow—they are ourselves, living for the future. We relive through them. As we care for them, as we build up their faith in God, their trust in Him and in their mortal comrades, we build the foundation of our own estate in the life to come. Therefore, our

teachings, our examples must be such that we will be worthy to be followed. We must teach them virtue, morality, courage, truth and wisdom; we must give them a thorough understanding of the eternal principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brigham Young, pioneer, statesman, father and home-builder, was a true disciple of the Master. He gave to the people of Zion inspired messages for the welfare of all; he did not forget the children; from personal contact and experience, he said:

Latter-day Saints, have your children come to meeting. Sisters, let your little girls go to Sunday School or come to meeting! Brethren, let your children go to Sunday School, or to meeting, and advise your neighbours to do the same.

We should never permit ourselves to do anything that we are not willing to see our children do. We should set them an example that we wish them to imitate. Do we realize this? How often we see parents demand obedience, good behaviour, kind words, pleasant looks, a sweet voice and a bright eye from a child or children when they themselves are full of bitterness and scolding! How inconsistent and unreasonable this is!

Parents, teach your children by precept and example, the importance of addressing the Throne of Grace; teach them how to live, how to draw from the elements the necessaries of life, and teach them the laws of life, that they may know how to preserve themselves in health and be able to minister to others. And when instructing them in the principles of the Gospel, teach them that they are true, truth sent down from heaven for our salvation, and that the Gospel incorporates every truth whether in heaven, in earth, or in hell; and teach them, too, that we hold the keys of eternal life, and that they must obey and observe the ordinances and laws pertaining to this holy Priesthood, which God has revealed and restored for the exaltation of the children of men.

Teach little children the principles of order.

Parents, have you ever noticed that your children have exercised faith for you when you have been sick? The little daughter, seeing you sick, will lift her heart with a pure, angelic-like prayer to heaven; and disease is rebuked when that kind of faith is exercised. God bless the children! I pray that they may live and be reared up in righteousness, that God may have a people that will spread and establish one universal reign of peace, and possess the powers of the world to come.

What a glorious privilege we have, in being able to care for our children! The future of the world to-morrow depends upon the parents and teachers of the children of to-day! Our late President Joseph F. Smith has added more to this inspired message; he says:

The parents in Zion will be held responsible for the acts of their children, not only until they become eight years old, but, perhaps, throughout all the lives of their children, provided they have neglected their duty to their children while they were under their care and guidance, and the parents were responsible for them.

Through all these messages winds the love of parents for their

little ones, the anxiety for the future welfare of those who now depend upon them. Christ showed two great peoples His divine attitude toward all children. His servants in these latter-days have added to His message and have definitely placed the responsibility for the welfare of the children upon the parents and teachers of this generation.

To aid the parents and for the advancement of the youth of Zion, the Primary Association was organized under the direction of President John Taylor, with Sister Aurelia S. Rogers as its president, on August 11th, 1878. "The aim of the Primary is to instil into the hearts of the boys and girls of Zion faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ—to make it a vital, active force for good—an integral part of their lives." For over fifty years it has built character, moulded the lives of our little children, taught them home industry, and enlightened thousands of Latter-day Saints with Gospel truths. It has given contact with children to countless thousands who otherwise could not get in close touch with them; it has given the little ones a chance to develop at home and in public. Its benefits are numerous and they are increasing from year to year.

To-day the Primary work has grown and spread throughout the world. Its influence is felt wherever the organization flourishes; its roots sink deep into the hearts of all who love children and try to promote their welfare. It is truly an aid to parents; the blessed faith and trust of childhood are fostered within its fold; prayer, humility, purity and a knowledge of Jesus as the Christ, are vital parts of its structure. On June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1928, a gigantic Jubilee to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its birth was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A. Thousands of children from the ninety-nine Stakes of Zion participated in the parade and pageant; it was an inspiring sight to see so many of those innocents, beloved of the Saviour, gathered upon that memorable occasion in such imposing array. The Primary is awake, alive; it does things; and like the children it guides, it grows.

"Neighbourhood Primaries" have been recently established in the British Mission. They are doing much good. All children of the neighbourhood, whether they are members of the "Mormon" Church or not, are invited to join. Competent instruction is provided; stories, simple sketches, prayers—all find their useful niche in the lives of the leader and children. True Gospel principles are taught. The lives of the young are strengthened by contact with those who are best fitted to teach and guide them in their tender years.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is growing. Our child membership to-day is greater than ever before. We must care for these precious charges to the best of our ability. Where we as parents or teachers fail in our duty we lose their friendship, companionship, trust and confidence—we weaken our

own lives. Without our children, we are not perfect. The hearts of the fathers must turn to the children. The parents must teach their children the truth, the words of life—or provide means whereby they may be instructed in these things. The Primary organizations are to help the parents towards this end. Our children are our most priceless treasures—let us care for them by actively supporting the institutions which have been developed for their benefit and for the spreading of the Gospel message of Christ.

JUDGE NOT

In speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own:
Remember, those with homes of glass
Should seldom throw a stone.

If we have nothing else to do
But talk of others' sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from *that* point begin.

We have no right to judge a man—
He should be fairly tried;
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.

Some may have faults—and who have not,
The old as well as young?
Perhaps we may for aught we know,
Have many where they've one.

I'll tell you of a better plan,
And one that works full well:
Be sure your own defects you cure
Before of others' tell.

And, though I sometimes chance to be
No worse than *some* I know,
My own shortcomings bid me let
The faults of others go.

Then let us all, when we commence
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
To those we little know.

Remember, curses sometimes, like
"Our chickens, roost at home;"
Don't speak of others' faults until
We have none of our own.

Harry B. Free, in the *Chicago Tribune*

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EDITORIAL

A SLIGHTING TONGUE AND A HEAVY HEART

Oftentimes words are lightly spoken. No ill, perhaps, is meant. Yet a suggestion made "in fun" or envy may carry with it power to drag some heart down to the grave. The tongue is a dangerous weapon when used by inexperienced or unrighteous persons; those who wish to do good will make an effort to use it correctly.

Someone may spill dirt onto our doorstep, unthinkingly, while attempting to clean his own yard. But there is no sense in our shoveling it back. Friends are not won through fault-finding and back-biting. Lives are never made sweeter and happier by mud-flinging. The Lord has said to His people: "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people . . . Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." The person who is most universally liked is the one who lives with and for others—not the one who lives on or against them.

The following story illustrates the harm of idle, malicious talebearing; often innocent people are made to suffer.

A peasant with a troubled conscience came to a monk for advice. The peasant had circulated slander about a friend—only to find out later that it wasn't true.

The monk was old and wise. "If you want to make peace with your conscience," he said, "you must fill a bag with chicken down, go to every dooryard in the village, and drop in each of them one fluffy feather."

The peasant did as he was told. Then he came back to the monk and announced that he had done penance for his folly. "Not yet!" said the monk sternly. "Take up your bag, go the rounds again, and gather up every feather that you have dropped!"

"But the wind must have blown them all away," protested the wretched peasant.

"Yes, my son," replied the monk. "And so it is with gossip. Words are easily dropped, but no matter how hard you try, you can never get them back again.". . . .

Thus, like the fluffy down in the wind are words of ill carried far and wide. The admonition of the song: "Nay, speak no ill, a kindly word can never leave a sting behind," should be taken to heart; for a slip of the tongue may destroy confidence, trust and love.

Words spoken soon drift out of reach; words unspoken do not have to be recalled.

"Let us all speak kind words to each other," if we have words to say. If our minds become poisoned with bitterness at our neighbour's apparent mistakes, let us cleanse them before they inject that poison into our speech. "The thought is father of the deed." If we keep on the safe side, thinking and speaking only that which will cheer and brighten the lives of others, our words will not wing idly, aimlessly, on the wind of gossip. We will have a purpose for each thing we say; and our lives will be sweeter, our speech cleaner, our spiritual growth more abundant. Then into our souls will come the peace of God and the love and friendship of our fellow beings.

Bridle the tongue. Guide it with a steady will towards a definite, useful goal. Keep ever humble and unselfish, through constant communion with the Lord, in prayer. Give of yourself in service unstintingly, for the good of humanity, for the uplift of the community, for the betterment of the nation. Give the world a smile and a pleasant word; never let a slighting tongue convert a heart to lead. Bless the world with your speech, if you have speech for it; otherwise, do not add to the woes of humankind. Remember that rumor is vicious, uncontrollable, tearing to shreds its helpless and perhaps innocent victim. Idle words are the devil's tools; they are the feathered shafts of gossip, tipped with poisoned barbs—the arrows which may pierce another's soul—the stinging darts which can never be recalled. A slighting tongue often leads to a heavy heart; a bridled tongue, tactfully used for righteous purposes, brings joy and sunshine into the lives of all.

Weston N. Nordgren

PRESIDENT WIDTSOE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

The ever growing French Mission extended its activities some three years ago down the Great Rhone Valley to the shores of the Mediterranean and added the Marseilles or "Midi" District. A body of nine missionaries under the supervision of former President Ernest C. Rossiter, settled two by two in the cities of Toulon, Marseilles, Nimes, and Toulouse. Some of these branches have since been closed down and others opened.

The people of Southern France, as elsewhere, though steeped in unbelief, are coming to know more and more that the ideal life is embodied in the simple, yet sublime, Gospel of Jesus Christ. The "letter of the scriptures" and sanctimonious belief in mysterious Gods have lost their charm. Life itself, with its beauty and divine purpose, is sought after. "Mormonism" needs to be made known and proved to them. Diligent tracting and frequent

conferences have made the Elders known, and numerous friends have been raised up, some of them becoming members. Though great numbers are not entering the waters of baptism, it is most certain that the foundation of an important work is being laid. Results may indicate success in proclaiming the Gospel message, but honest effort means infinitely more.

The people of this part of the world recently met for the first time one of the presiding authorities of the Church when Apostle John A. Widtsoe, President of the European Mission, accompanied by the French Mission President, P. Rulon Christensen, spent several days, from March 29th to April 8th, in this District. During this time meetings were held in all of the branches. In Marseilles, the largest seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, a meeting was held on the day after Easter, a national holiday. The efforts of Elders Ralph Thomson and Rolland Johnson brought out a large, very attentive and well-educated gathering of "Marseillais." In Nimes, the Rome of France, a somewhat smaller but equally interesting meeting was arranged by Elders John Tanner and Reynolds Bodily. A special conference was called in Montpellier, the famous university town, and through the efforts of Elders Kenneth Moser and George Rands, over three hundred people, beside the missionaries of the Switzerland, Lyons and Marseilles Districts, assembled in the beautiful concert hall of the municipal theatre building to hear President Widtsoe expound "Mormon" doctrines. In point of numbers and public sentiment this was the most successful conference yet held in France. A very favourable write-up later appeared in the city's leading newspaper. During the two following days President Widtsoe and President Christensen imparted to the thirty missionaries of the Lyons, Swiss and Marseilles Districts a wealth of counsel and instruction, both for their own well-being and for the advancement of their work. During the last day of the conference, all were delighted to meet and hear Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, Eudora Widtsoe, Miss Maude May Babcock, and Elder Richard L. Evans.

The next day, all joined in an interesting bus trip to see the beauties of Roman France.

The fruits of our distinguished guests' generous visit are already manifesting themselves from results received in our daily labours. May God's great work move steadily on! We send to our brethren and sisters throughout the world our most sincere regards.

LE GRAND M. SILVER, District President

"OUR GREAT THOUGHTS, our great affections, the truths of our life, never leave us. Surely they can not separate from our consciousness, shall follow it whithersoever that shall go, and are of their nature divine and immortal."—THACKERAY.

EMILY HILL WOODMANSEE*

In the summer of 1849, two merry hearted girls might often be seen wending their way along the green lanes of England, from their home in Warmister, to Chalford, six miles away, where the "Mormon" Elders were preaching a new religion. In spite of the opposition of their parents, who were strict adherents to the Wesleyan faith, these girls, Emily and Julia Hill, were determined at any cost to hear all about this "new faith."

Born in 1831 and 1834, the girls were inseparable, Julia was the eldest, but the message had come to her sister Emily first. Both were deeply religious, searching the scriptures together, and each yearning in her hungry soul for the fulfilment of the promise of the return of the everlasting Gospel, as Jesus had taught it.

When but twelve years of age, Emily had been permitted by her parents to go with her cousin, Miriam Slade, to hear the "Mormon" Elders preach. To the surprize and dismay of her family she boldly announced upon her return, her belief in the doctrine taught, and her determination to be baptized when of age.

Opposition surrounded her on every side, Julia being her only comforter and adviser. To her Emily confided and explained as best she could these wonderful "new truths." It was at this time that Elder John Halliday visited their locality, and both girls managed to attend a private cottage meeting. Upon hearing his humble but impressive testimony, Julia exclaimed: "If ever there was a man of God, he is one; and I shall be a Latter-day Saint."

Emily's impression of that memorable meeting is given in her own poetic words:

> The Eternal spoke, and honest hearts observing
> The voice and message of the Holiest One,
> Hail it as if their hearts had e'er been yearning
> For light and truth e'er since their lives began.

About this time Elder Halliday gave Emily a blessing, promising her that she should yet write both prose and poetry to comfort the hearts of thousands.

Soon after this Julia became apprenticed as a milliner at Northampton, and after much persuasion the parents permitted Emily to join her sister there. Together they searched for and found the branch of the Church which had been established in the early 40's; they attended the meetings and paid tithing regularly from their scanty earnings.

In March, 1852, both girls were baptized, Emily being but sixteen and Julia nineteen. Though young to decide for themselves in

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such an important step, the girls were amply able to conduct their lives with decorum, having left a home of culture and refinement, where faith in God and purity of life had always been taught. Four long years elapsed before they earned enough to emigrate with other Saints to America.

In May, 1856, the girls set sail on the ship *Thornton*, with Elder James Willie in charge of the company. From New York they went by rail to Iowa City, where was organized the famous handcart company over which Elder Willie was made captain.

Julia, who was never very strong, "gave out," and was forced to ride part of the way in the little cart drawn by loving friends, who "took turns." But Emily expressed her determination to "walk all the way," which she did. When cold weather came, with severe snow storms and a scarcity of food, the girls nearly perished with hunger and cold. However, they pushed on with the others each day, under the cheering influence of the song: "Come, Come, Ye Saints," and the sustaining power of the Lord.

Among those sent from Utah with provisions for the relief of these sufferers were Israel Ivins and W. G. Mills. Both girls must have admired these sturdy pioneers on sight, as they married them soon after entering the Great Salt Lake valley.

With all the trials incident to the early days in Utah, Julia's marriage to Brother Ivins proved a very happy one. Emily's choice in marriage was different. After the birth of their first child, Brother Mills went on a mission to England. Four years later he sent her word that he would never return, proving untrue to the faith and to her. Of this time she later said: "One night when I was weary with overwork and anxiety, pondering what to do, these words impressed me as if audibly spoken: 'Trust in God and thyself.' Instantly I arose and composed a poem including the following stanza:

"Keep a brave heart, though the waves roll high!
Let thine aim be true as the magnet's steel;
Look unto God! with a steadfast eye,
And trust Him always, in woe or weal;
Man may deceive, but God is true;
Mortals may pander to lover or pelf,
Like 'angels' visits' firm friends are few—
Trust thou in God! and thyself."

In May, 1864, she married Joseph H. Woodmansee, by whom she had eight children. Her life was full of trial, the support and rearing of her family devolving largely upon her; but she was always hopeful and her cheery smile impressed her associates and friends. Her fearlessness and undaunted faith in God's goodness are manifest in her poems and songs.

Through years of poverty, Sister Woodmansee developed a business ability attained to by but few women in Utah. Presi-

dent Heber J. Grant, always one of her admirers, tells a story of her thrift:

"While sitting in the bank one day the Spirit whispered to me that Sister Emily H. Woodmansee was in financial need. I accordingly drew from my account at the bank $50 (£10), and proceeded with it to her home. On the way I debated whether I should present this to her as a gift, or offer it to her as a loan. Fearing I might offend her, as I remembered her high spirit, I decided upon the latter course. As I shook hands with her I offered her the money as a loan, without interest, with promise never to accept it until she was in comfortable enough circumstances to return it of her own choice.

"With tears in her eyes Sister Emily confessed that she and her family were almost destitute. Twenty-five dollars of it was immediately spent for provisions and coal. With the remaining twenty-five dollars she took an option on a piece of property. In thirty days she sold the property for $700 (£140). With this she bought and sold many other parcels of real estate, showing the keenest sagacity and wisdom in the business world. The $50 was returned with thanks to me, and praises to God, for a true friend in her hour of need."

The beauty of Emily's life and sacrifices is reflected as in a mirror in the songs she wrote. Her life was one of great accomplishment, and a credit to all who bear her name. Her memory lives on in the hearts of the youth of Zion, who learn and sing her inspirational songs.

WELSH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

An intense stir of interest was created as the result of extensive advertizing of the Welsh District Conference, which convened at the Workman's Hall, Caerphilly, on April 21st, 1929. Many interested people attended the sessions to find out the meaning of the placards and handbills, everywhere in evidence, which read: "Called of God," and "One Hundred Years of Divine Authority."

In attendance were Mission President A. William Lund and Elder Clifton G. M. Kerr from the Birmingham office; Elder John D. Ford from the Bristol District; and the following missionaries of the Welsh District: President Iver L. Larsen, Elders J. Ferrin Gurney, Robert L. Bradford, Paul A. Peterson, Joseph A. Anderson, Morgan C. Boley, LeRoi G. Barclay, Justin B. Lillywhite, Lester H. Jones and Alton S. Maughan.

"The Restoration of the Priesthood" pageant was given during the morning session. Sunday School workers spoke of the value of the Sunday School as an auxiliary to the Priesthood, and enlarged upon the theme of the day.

At the afternoon session of conference, the General, Mission and District authorities were sustained by those in attendance. Much progress was reported in missionary labour for the past six months. President Lund showed that "Mormonism," as truth, is unpopular with those who oppose righteousness. Work is required of every one who attempts to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The attendance at the evening meeting was considerably greater than at the previous sessions of the conference. President Lund discoursed forcefully upon the necessity of God-given authority in the Church of Christ. He stated that "Mormonism" was not a new doctrine; it was but the truth again come forth in these latter days, pure and unadulterated by man.

The Spirit of the Lord permeated each session; and the truths of "Mormonism" presented, refreshed all in attendance.

J. Ferrin Gurney, District Clerk

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfer: Elder Alvin G. Pack has been transferred from the Liverpool District to the Birmingham office.

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries arrived in Southampton aboard the *Leviathan* on April 16th; they have thus been assigned:

For the British Mission: Frank S. Campbell, Rupert, Idaho, to the Birmingham District; Arthur S. Gailey, Kaysville, Utah, to the Ulster District; Robert V. Mouenr, Rupert, Idaho, to the Leeds District.

For the French Mission: Eugene Brazier, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the German-Austrian Mission: Donald E. Frost, Coalville, Utah; Walter Clarence Blakemore, Salt Lake City, Utah; Lynn R. Fairbanks, Jun., Salt Lake City, Utah; Milton L. Rawson, Ogden, Utah.

For the Swiss-German Mission: Samuel A. Hilgendorff, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the South African Mission: Lorin Winslow Hurst, Ogden, Utah.

For the Danish Mission: Leslie T. Hintze, Murray, Utah.

For the Norwegian Mission: President Hyrum D. Jensen, Preston, Idaho; Margaret A. Jensen, Preston, Idaho; Parley Christian Kaalstad, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the Swedish Mission: Melvin Theodore Hallen, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Doings in the Districts: *Hull*—At a baptismal service held at the Beverley Road Baths, Hull, on April 21st, six persons were

baptized by Elders John L. Linton and Willis R. Dunkley and confirmed by Elders Linton, Dunkley, Harold H. Blackmore and local Elder Robert H. Summers.

Liverpool—Burnley Branch members gave a concert entitled: "The Gypsies' Holiday," on April 13th.

The Liverpool Branch M. I. A. held a social on Wednesday evening, April 24th. An excellent program was given and refreshments were served.

The Blackburn Branch M. I. A. sponsored a "fancy dress carnival" on Saturday, April 20th. Prizes were awarded to those with best costumes. The program was thoroughly enjoyed.

London—On April 30th, through the aid of Mr. William Goodair, the home of Lady Beecham in Grosvenor Square was opened to Miss Maud May Babcock, head of the Department of Speech, University of Utah, who is at present on a world tour. Sister Babcock gave a dramatic recital of Shaw's "Cæsar and Cleopatra." Many prominent people in London society circles attended. The proceeds gained will be used by the Crusaders of St. George, to provide homes for ex-service officers and men of Great Britain.

Manchester—A basket supper, sponsored by the Bee-Hive girls, was enjoyed at the Rochdale Branch on April 13th.

The Rochdale Branch held a successful sale of work on March 16th. Many beautiful articles were shown and sold. A well-rendered program added to the enjoyment of all.

On March 29th, members of the Hyde and Manchester Branches met at Hyde and enjoyed a "Good Friday" outing on the hills at Werneth Low. A play was given at Hyde in the evening.

Branch Conferences: Of the Accrington Branch, Liverpool District, held on April 14th. A pageant featuring Christ's parables was presented at the afternoon session. President Joseph S. Savage, Elders Clarence V. Bigler, Edward E. Drury, Lester H. Belliston and Francis E. Stock were the speakers.

Of the Batley Branch, Leeds District, held on Sunday, April 14th. "Moroni's Message" was the theme ably presented. President J. Willard Harmon, Elders Herbert C. Fletcher, R. LeRoy Fletcher and Kendall H. Curtis were in attendance.

Of the Bolton Branch, Manchester District, held on April 14th. "The Restoration of the Priesthood" was the theme developed at the morning session. Many investigators attended. The speakers were President Frank C. S. Derrick, Elders John W. Southwick, Charles J. Parkinson and T. Bruce Jenkins.

Of the Dudley Port Branch, Birmingham District, held on Sunday, April 14th. The Word of Wisdom furnished the theme of conference. A good spirit of fellowship was present. In attendance were President Edward L. Blacker, Elders E. Anthon Clayson, LeRay Swainston and Philip D. Quayle.

Of the Gateshead Branch, Newcastle District, held on April 7th. "Christ's Plan to Save," was the well-presented theme of the day. President Weston R. Clark, Elders G. Ronald Carter and A. Fenton Smith spoke.

Of the Gravesend Branch, London District, held on March 24th. The theme of conference was: "The Restoration of the Priesthood." President John L. Clarke, Elders Eugene Romney, Jun., William T. Mathie, and many investigators attended.

Of the Holloway Branch, London District, held on April 7th. Many faith-promoting incidents illustrating the power of the Priesthood were related by missionaries and members.

Of the Nelson Branch, Liverpool District, held on Sunday, April 7th. "The Restoration of the Priesthood" was the theme of the day. Members from the Burnley Branch joined with those from Nelson. Speakers of the evening session were President Joseph S. Savage, Elders William J. Matheson, Roy Allen and Clarence V. Bigler.

Of the North London Branch, London District, held on Sunday, March 31st. "The Restoration of the Priesthood" theme was ably discussed. President John L. Clarke, Elders Ferrell N. Beckstead and David H. Huish were the speakers.

Of the Rochdale Branch, Manchester District, held on Sunday, April 7th. "The Restoration" theme was discoursed upon. President Frank C. S. Derrick, Elders John W. Southwick, Lovell Youngberg, Wayne R. Nelson and local Elder George E. Dale were the speakers of the evening.

Of the Skelton Branch, Newcastle District, held on Sunday, April 14th. Sunday School members presented in pageant form, the "Acts of the Apostles." President Clark and missionaries attended.

Of the South London Branch, London District, held on March 24th. "The Restoration of the Priesthood" was the theme discussed. Elders Richard K. Knight and David H. Huish were in attendance.

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